

## MEMORIAL NO. 1.

## EXTENSION OF BOUNDARY.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION for the extension of the Western Boundary Line of the State of Iowa to the Missouri river.

Memorial. *To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:*

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, would respectfully represent that the Missouri river is the most natural and appropriate western boundary for the State of Iowa; and that it is highly important to the best interests of said State, as it will be to the people who may hereafter settle and occupy the delta of land, located between the present western boundary of said State and said river, that the same should be attached to and made a part of the State of Iowa, so that the Missouri river may constitute the entire western boundary line of said State, and as a parallel of latitude, (forty-three degrees, thirty minutes,) extending from the Mississippi river to the Missouri river, may constitute the northern boundary line of said State.

Request. Your memorialists would therefore respectfully ask of your honorable bodies, that a law may be passed providing for the immediate extinguishment of the Indian title to said land, and for its annexation to the State of Iowa.

Instructions. *Resolved*, That the Senators from this State be instructed, and the Representatives be requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law, as asked for in the foregoing memorial, and that the Secretary of State forward a copy thereof to each.

Forwarded. APPROVED, July 12th, 1856.

## MEMORIAL NO. 2.

## FOR GRANT OF LANDS

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS, asking Congress for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a Rail Road, from McGregor's landing on the Mississippi River, to a point in the Western bounds of the State of Iowa, between Sargeant's Bluffs, and the north bounds of the State, and in case the bounds of the State be extended to the Missouri River on the northwest, said grant to extend to the *then* west bounds of said State.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress, approved May 15th, Preamble. 1756, in answer to a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, a grant of land was made to said State, to aid in the construction of three several Rail Roads as applied for in said memorial. And Whereas, one road to wit: that from McGregor's landing named in said memorial of the General Assembly, was left out of the said grant, and whereas the route of said road from McGregor's landing would be at least eighty miles north of the most northern of the said roads, provided for in said grant;—and whereas it is believed that a great portion of the north western part of the State of Iowa, and the south western portion of Minnesota, must remain for a long time unsettled, unless encouraged by Rail Road facilities; and whereas it is believed that the granting of alternate sections to the State under proper restrictions for the purpose of aiding in the construction of all practicable Rail Roads in the State, has a direct tendency to promote not only the best interests of the State, but of the General Government; therefore,

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* Instruction. That our Senators be instructed, and Representatives in Congress be requested to procure the passage of a law granting to the State of Iowa, the alternate sections of land along the line of the proposed road, to an equal extent, under like privileges and restrictions with the grant made to the said other roads by said act of May 15th, 1856, to wit:

Commencing at McGregor's landing on the Mississippi, McGregor's to N. boundary. thence on the most practicable route to a point in the western bounds of the State between Sargeant's Bluffs and the north